(b) if so, the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The Department of Food and Public Distribution has not received any request from the Chief Minister of West Bengal for placement of adequate funds for procurement of foodgrains during Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08.

(b) Does not arise.

Revival of Super Bazar

54. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to revive the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, by when the chain of stores would start functioning in Delhi; and

(e) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Cooperative Store Ltd., (Super Bazar), Delhi is under liquidation since July, 2002. The Super Bazar Karmachari Dalit Sangh has filed Special Leave Petition No. 8398-8399/2005 in the Supreme Court challenging the order of winding up of Super Bazar. The Supreme Court in its order dated 12.07.2007 *inter-alia* directed to the Committee to invite the bids to start Super Bazar afresh. Accordingly, the bids were invited by the Official Liquidator on 3.8.2007. Only three bids were received. These bids were opened on the same day in presence of the representatives of the bidders. The evaluation report of the bids has been submitted by the Committee before the Supreme Court on 31.8.2007. The next date of hearing of the case fixed by the Supreme Court is 12.2.2008. The matter is *sub-judice.*

Subsidy on food items

55. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving subsidy on food items like rice and other to the poor families, State-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what is the future policy of Government on food item subsidy especially in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and some other welfare schemes (OWS), subsidized foodgrains (rice and wheat) are distributed to all the States at Central Issue Prices (CIPs). The difference between the economic cost of foodgrains and CIP is borne by the Central Government as food subsidy. The food subsidy released during the last 3 years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Food subsidy	25,746.45	23,071.00	23,827.59